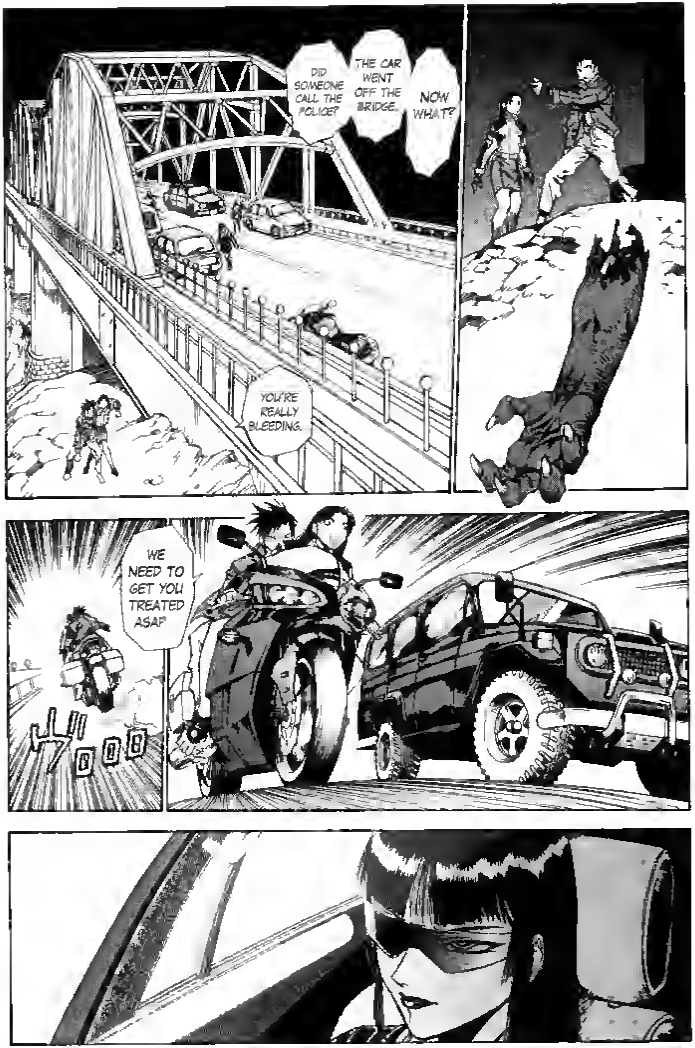
ACT:4 FACTOR-

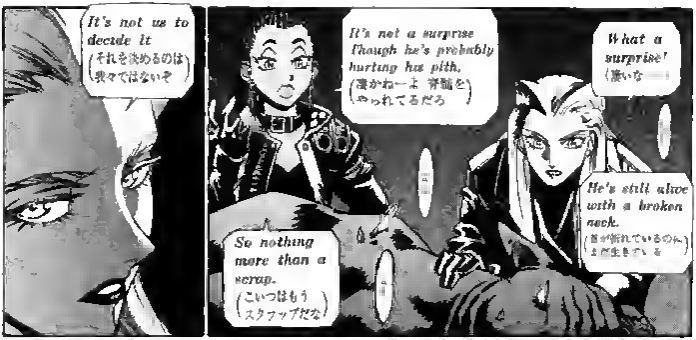
S... STOP, JUST A SEC...
COME ON, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE...
I HIT MY SHOULDER... AND I CAN'T MOVE MY LEFT ARM...
LET ME SEE!
GREAT, IT'S NOT BROKEN!
YOU JUST DISLOCATED IT.

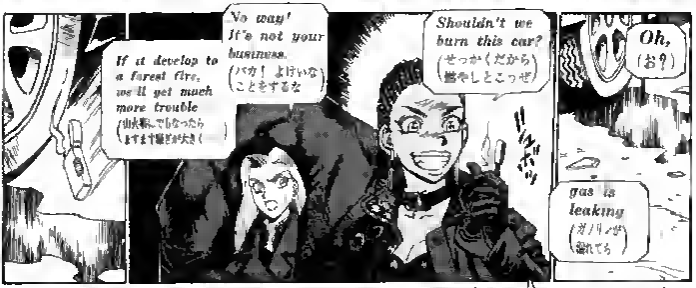
OH HEY I CAN MOVE IT
THANKS
DON'T MENTION IT
GAAAH!!
Or two
SO...
WHAT'RE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS?
EEW!!
EVEN A HUMAN ARM...!?
IT'S LIKE THE DEMON OF ASHOMON..
Or was it Modoriyashi? Eh, who cares.
IS THIS..
FRIGGIN STUCK
GH...


DID SOMEONE CALL THE POLICE?
THE CAR WENT OFF THE BRIDGE...
NOW WHAT?
YOU'RE REALLY BLEEDING.
WE NEED TO GET YOU TREATED ASAP
VROOM

What a waste of money we have spent for them !
(こいつらには丸手がかかってるのによ！)
HA HA HA !
It's not your money, though.
(別におまえのじゃではあるまい)
ザリ
Well !
(やれやれ)
This is what we call "inujini"
(これがホントの犬死にだな)
We don't know if he is dead or not yet
(まだ分からん)

Huff
Huff


It's not us to decide it
(それを決めるのは
我々ではないぞ)
It's not a surprise
Though he's probably
hurting his pith.
(驚かねーよ 脊髄を
やられてるだろ)
What a
surprise!
(驚いな
He's still alive
with a broken
neck.
(首が折れているのに
よく生きている)
So nothing
more than a
scrap.
(こいつはもう
スクラップだな)


If it develop to
a forest fire,
we'll get much
more trouble
(山火事にでもなったら
もっと面倒が大き
No way!
It's not your
business.
(バカ! よけいな
ことをするな
Shouldn't we
burn this car?
(せっかくだから
燃やしとこっぜ)
Oh,
(おう)
gas is
leaking
(ガソリンが
漏れてる

Masha'Allah!
ماشاءالله!
(アッラーの御意をさ
オゥ マイ ガッ
Oh, my God!!

TCH...
WHO'S GONNA PAY
TO FIX MY CAR. ?
Oh, no!
It's on fire.
I SHOULD HAVE HAD IT INSURED
I USED SO MUCH MONEY IN MEXICO, TOO...
I'm gonna work to Cameron too this year
TO START EARNING AN HONEST LIVING INSTEAD
MAYBE IT'S A SIGN FROM HEAVEN FOR ME
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WHERE AM I...?

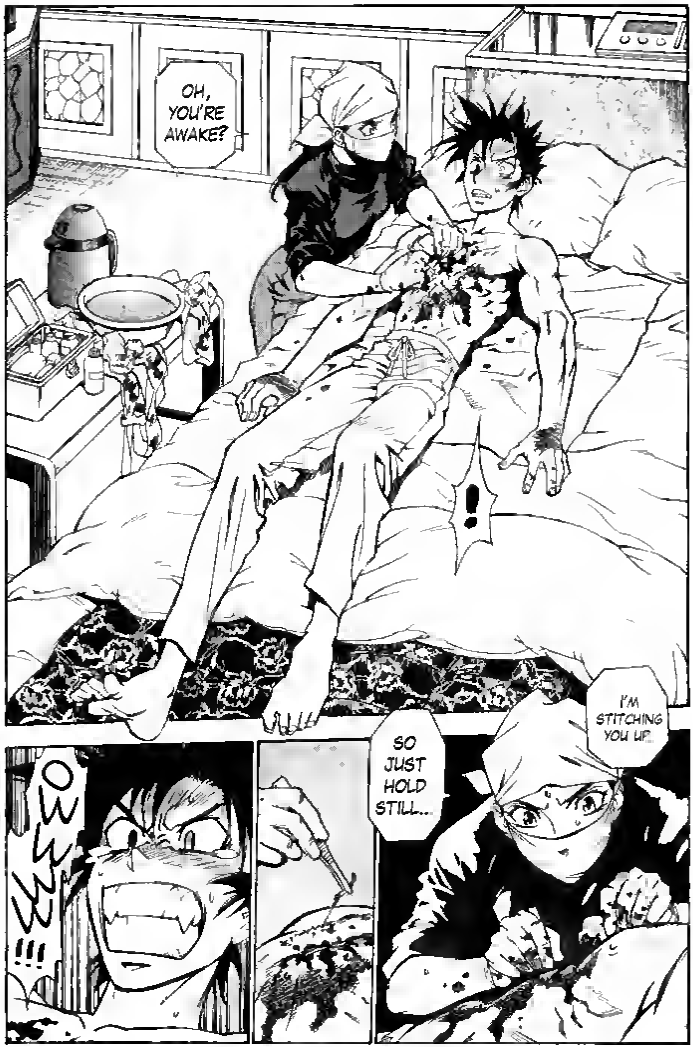
WHY AM I HAVING THIS DREAM AGAIN...?
THIS DREAM...

KILL HIM!
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S STILL HUMAN.
EAT HIM!

HEY, THE HUMAN'S HERE.
THE HU-MAN?
THE HU-MAN?

IT'S ALL HIS FAULT...
HE'S WHY WE'LL NEVER BE HUMAN AGAIN...
IF HE CONTINUES TO EXIST, WE'LL BE KILLED...
THE DREAM FEELS DIFFERENT THIS TIME...?
...?
IF YOU KILL HIM,
THEN THERE'LL BE NO GOING BACK.
DIDN'T HE SAY HE'S ONE OF US?
COME ON, GUYS.
STOP IT.
JUST DON'T GET IN OUR WAY.
DAMN!?
EAT HIM!!
WHO
A
GIVES

GAH!!
SHOTORA!!
AAAHHH!!
THIS IS JUST A DREAM...
SO WHY DOES IT HURT!!?
IT HUUUURTS!!


OH, YOU'RE AWAKE?
!
I'M STITCHING YOU UP.
SO JUST HOLD STILL...
OWWW!!!

I SAID HOLD STILL!!
OH, NUT UP ALREADY!
ALL YOU'RE DOING IS MAKING MORE PLACES HURT...
WE'VE GOTTA GET THESE CLOSED.
I'VE HEARD THAT PEOPLE CAN'T PROCESS PAIN IN MORE THAN ONE PLACE AT A TIME
DO YOUR WOUNDS HURT LESS?
WHERE ARE WE...?
A MOTEL.
WE'RE NEAR MIRASAKI STATION
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, IT WAS A MAJOR PAIN TO CARRY YOU HERE FROM THE PARKING GARAGE
THE DOKKAKU SOLDIERS DO HEAL FASTER THAN NORMAL PEOPLE,
BUT YOUR WOUNDS AREN'T JUST GOING TO DISAPPEAR LIKE IN THE COMICS!

ALRIGHT
YOUR CHEST IS A MESS, YOUR RIGHT ANKLE IS SPRAINED
AND YOU'VE GOT MORE CUTS AND BRUISES THAN I CAN COUNT
BUT WE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO GET YOU TREATED
URGH...
ポフッ
YOU SHOULD BE OKAY FOR NOW.
I CAN'T DECIDE IF YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE OR CAREFREE.
YOU'RE COMPLETELY DEFENSELESS.
HUH?

HELL. I CAN'T EVEN TELL IF I'M AWAKE RIGHT NOW OR THIS IS ALL ONE LONG NIGHTMARE
OW...
DREAM, NIGHT-MARE
IT'S ALMOST DAWN...
MNN...
NN...
ZZZ
ZZZ

IN
I DID PLAN ON GETTING MIKADO OUT OF THAT LAB,
BUT I HAD TO DO IT MUCH EARLIER THAN I'D PLANNED
I SHOULD CONTACT METZABOK.
BUT...
THE ONE THEY NEED IS MIKADO, AS A DOKKAKU SOLDIER.
HAVE I MET YOU BEFORE!?
NOT HERE! BUT IN ANOTHER PLACE BEFORE THIS...!!

MUST BE BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE KYOKO.
MIKADO PROTECTED ME ON INSTINCT..
I DON'T THINK I LOOK LIKE HER...
MAYBE HE COULD TELL BY SMELL...?
BUT EVEN IF I MANAGE TO GET THE VACCINE TO THE VIRUS
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL WORK ON A DV-2
KYOKO...
YOU WANT TO TURN MIKADO BACK TO A NORMAL HUMAN BEING, RIGHT...?

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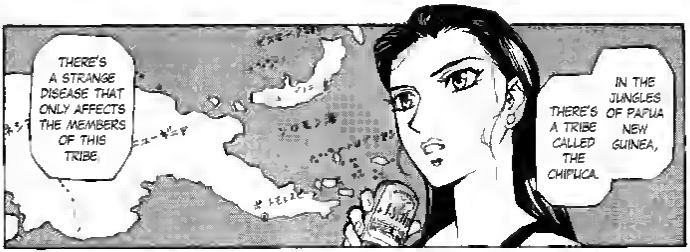
OF COURSE YOU ARE
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
AM I.....
REALLY HUMAN?
NOW THEN...
WHERE SHOULD WE START?
YOU ALSO TOLD ME THAT I WAS MADE... AS A LIVING WEAPON
A VIRUS..!?
THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL...
IS THAT THEY'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH A SPECIAL VIRUS.
THAT WASN'T REALLY THE RIGHT WAY TO PUT IT
THE DOKKAKU SOLDIERS ARE HUMAN NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS
YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN NEW GUINEA.
BEFORE THAT


THERE'S A STRANGE DISEASE THAT ONLY AFFECTS THE MEMBERS OF THIS TRIBE.
IN THE JUNGLES OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA,
THERE'S A TRIBE CALLED THE CHIPUCA.

THERE'S AN UNDENIABLE INCREASE IN THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH, REACTION TIME AND SENSORY PERCEPTION...
WHILE THEY OBVIOUSLY AREN'T ACTUALLY BEING POSSESSED BY ANIMAL SPIRITS,
WOLVES, SNAKES, LEOPARDS, THE LIKE
WHEN THEY GET EXCITED, THEY BEGIN TO ACT LIKE ANIMALS

FROM ANOTHER DISEASE CALLED KURU
WE THINK THAT IT STEMS IN SOME WAY...

WHAT?
.....

THEY'RE LIKE WILD ANIMALS.
AND THERE'S ONE MORE STRANGE THING ABOUT THIS DISEASE.

I'VE HEARD OF KURU
YEAH.

WE CAN'T SIMPLY EXPLAIN IT AS JUST A NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER OR HEREDITARY DISEASE
ONLY THE HEAD OF EACH CLAN HAS IT,
AND ONCE THE HEAD DIES, HIS SUCCESSOR IS INFECTED WITH IT...

IT'S A DISEASE LOCAL TO KAINANTU IN THE EASTERN HIGHLANDS.
IT MAKES THE FACIAL MUSCLES CONTRACT SO THE SICK PERSON LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SMILING AND THEY BURST OUT IN FITS OF LAUGHTER, SO IT'S ALSO CALLED "THE LAUGHING SICKNESS."
IT'S CAUSED BY PRACTICING CANNIBALISM. SPECIFICALLY, EATING RAW BRAINS.
THE TRIGGER IS FROM AN ANTIGEN-ANTIBODY REACTION.
SO... YOU REMEMBERED THAT...
ONLY JUST NOW.
I DON'T KNOW WHO THE CHIPUCA ARE, THOUGH
...THERE WAS A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS RESEARCHING THE CHIPUCA'S DISEASE,
AS WELL AS KURU.
THEY BELIEVE THAT THE CAUSE MAY BE CANNIBALISM. THAT WAS PRACTICED IN NEW GUINEA UNTIL EVEN RECENTLY
WHEN THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE CHIPUCA'S CLANS DIES,
HIS CORPSE IS EATEN BY THE REST OF HIS FAMILY...
WITH SPECIFIC BODY PARTS GOING TO SPECIFIC PEOPLE

THE DAUGHTERS ATE THE FOUR LIMBS... AND SO FORTH.
HIS WIFE GETS THE ANUS AND PENIS
HIS SONS GET THE LIVER AND STOMACH
AND HIS ELDEST SON THE ONE WHO WILL BECOME THE NEXT HEAD...
S... SO THEN...
EATS THE BRAIN.
!
THE DISEASE IN HIS BRAIN IS ?
A COMPLETELY NEW TYPE OF RETROVIRUS...
WERE ORALLY-TRANSMITTED PARASITIC BACTERIA THAT TOOK OVER BRAIN CELLS, LIKE BSE PRIONS
THAT'S RIGHT WHAT THOSE SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED

THEY CALLED IT DOKKAKU VIRUS-ORIGINAL.
DV-O FOR SHORT.
"DOKKAKU" MEANS "ONE WHO SECLUDES HIMSELF" SORT OF LIKE BUDDHA.
BUT ONE WHO SECLUDES THEMSELVES NOT FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, BUT FOR THEIR OWN SAKE...
A BUDDHA WHO BRINGS SALVATION TO NONE.
THAT IS A DOKKAKU.
...THE HELL KIND OF NAME IS THAT?
JUST USE ONE OF THE BUDDHA'S TWELVE GENERALS.
WHO EVEN CAME UP WITH THAT?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE NAME,
BUT THE ONES WHO DISCOVERED ALL THIS WERE SOICHIRO KAWAHATA, A MEDICAL PROFESSOR AT TOWA UNIVERSITY
AND BUNKICHI GODAI A PHYSICS PROFESSOR AT EDO UNIVERSITY
THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WERE HOLDING YOU AT THE FACILITY IN YATSUGATAKE
THAT'S WHO DR GODAI WAS!?
WHAT'S MORE, EVERYTHING I JUST TOLD YOU...
I ORIGINALLY HEARD FROM YOU YOURSELF!
WHA!?
MIKADO... YOU WERE...
ONE OF SOICHIRO KAWAHATA'S ASSISTANTS!!

WE SHOULD REACH OTAWARA BY EVENING
WE'LL GET ON THE CENTRAL BIKE ROAD AT KOFU SHOWA.
OH YEAH. KOFU HAS...
WAIT... KOFU..
!
HOUTOU!!
*A POPULAR REGIONAL DISH MADE BY STEWING UDON AND VEGETABLES IN MISO SOUP.
THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD DO THAT.
NO, WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR THAT.

SO... THERE WAS A COMPANY THAT FUNDED THE RESEARCH AND BECAME A SPONSOR FROM THE VERY EARLY STAGES
SO THEY WERE TRYING TO COMMERCIALIZE AND PROFIT IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY COMPLEX WEREN'T THEY!
WHAT EVIL COMPANY WAS IT?
THE HIJIKATA GROUP!
HIJI-KATA.
I'VE HEARD OF THEM.
THEY'RE ONE OF THE TEN BIGGEST COMPANIES IN JAPAN
HOWEVER, BECAUSE GODAI FOUND ANOTHER SPONSOR...
THE RESEARCHERS ARE BASICALLY SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS RIGHT NOW.
SO WHO'S THE OTHER SPONSOR?
THAT EVEN I DON'T KNOW

...
YOU WERE WORKING FOR GODAI, WEREN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU MORE RIGHT NOW...
BUT I HOPE YOU'LL BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY I'M ON YOUR SIDE
BUT THAT
ISN'T EVERY-THING, IS IT...?
WELL, I CAN AT LEAST SEE THAT YOU'RE PUTTING YOURSELF IN HARM'S WAY
TO PROTECT ME... I'LL AT LEAST ACCEPT THAT...

WELL, WE MADE IT TO OTAWARA.
WE'RE REALLY IN THE BACKWATERS NOW!
THIS IS WHERE I HEARD HE WAS...
SO YOUR FRIEND'S HIDEOUT IS HERE?
I WOULDN'T CALL HIM THAT...
MORE LIKE SOMEONE I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME
MROOOW
!

MROOOW
MROOOW
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD ABOUT FOLLOWING A CAT TO ZENKOJI?
...IT SAYS, "COME FOLLOW ME!"
...SERI-OUSLY?
MROOOW
THAT'S AN OX, NOT A CAT...
THERE IT IS!
WE'RE HERE!

OYOGIUS IET?
TEI SUGYO
OYOGIUS IET?
!
MOOOOW
YOU BROUGHT GUESTS?
OH, SHARAKU
SENSEI!!
HEY THERE!
WELCOME!
!
ACT.4 END